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Some records of myriapods and slugs new for the Glasgow area

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In 1991 a millipede of the genus *Brachychaeteuma* was found in a garden in Partickhill Road, Glasgow (NS 5566) by Dick Jones, organiser of the national millipede recording scheme. This was the first record of the genus in Scotland but unfortunately it was immature and could not be identified to species. Since then, two species have been found in Scotland : *B. bagnalli* Verhoeff in Kirkcudbrightshire, V.C. 73, and *B. bradeae* (Brolemann & Brade-Birks) in E. Perthshire, V.C. 89, (Jones, 1994). Unidentifiable immature specimens have also been found recently in Midlothian, V.C.83. A visit to the Partick site on 5 November 1994 failed to refind *Brachychaeteuma* but produced several other scarce myriapods not hitherto recorded in the Glasgow area as shown in the preliminary atlases : British Millipede Group (1988), Barber & Keay (1988). They are all small species obtained by sieving leaf-litter and top-soil.

Millipedes

Melogona scutellare (Ribaut). A cylindrical off-white species not shown north of the border in the Atlas but recently recorded at several sites in Fife and the Lothians.

Blaniulus guttulatus (Fabricius). A slender cylindrical millipede, white with bright red spots, well known in gardens in England but scarcer in Scotland although widely recorded from Argyll and Angus southwards.

Archiboreoiulus pallidus (Brade-Birks). A slender cylindrical white millipede with pale orange spots, recorded recently at several sites from Dundee to Berwickshire and Lanarkshire, but not elsewhere in the west of Scotland.

Boreoiulus tenuis (Bigler). Very similar to the last; widespread in Fife and the Lothians, sparsely recorded elsewhere in Scotland.

Macrosterodesmus palicola Brölemann. A tiny (4mm) white flat-backed millipede unrecorded in Scotland until recently when it has been found at a number of sites in the south and east.

Centipedes

Lithobius microps Meinert. The smallest species of *Lithobius*, common in leaf-litter in England and recorded sparsely north to Perthshire in the east, but not hitherto in the west of Scotland.

Geophilus oligopus (Attems) (= *G. insculptus* auct. non Attems). One of the commoner subterranean centipedes, recorded widely but sparsely in Scotland, although apparently not hitherto in the Glasgow area.

Slugs

Boettgerilla pallens Simroth. A small, pale slug, very long and worm-like when extended. It was first recorded in Britain in 1972 in NW England, and has spread rapidly through most of the country. There are scattered records from south and west Scotland but this is the first from Glasgow.

Voucher specimens of all species recorded have been deposited in the Art Gallery & Museum, Kelvingrove, Glasgow

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The Cat Flea, *Ctenocephalides felis felis* (Bouché) NEIL REDGATE in Skye, a new Record for V.C 104

During a recent examination of ectoparasites held by Glasgow Art Gallery and Museum, Kelvingrove, I identified two fleas (male & female) as *Ctenocephalides felis felis* (Bouché) (Siphonaptera: Pulicidae: Archaeopsyllinae), the Cat Flea. These were collected in August 1991 from a house in Portree, Isle of Skye (inferred NGR NG4843), by the local Department of Environmental Health and were sent as an enquiry and subsequently donated to the Museum (Slide no. GLAMG Z1994-96).

C. felis felis is more widespread throughout Scotland than is indicated by the B.R.C. Atlas (George, 1974). There is now one other island record for this species, viz. South Ronaldsay, Orkney (George, pers. comm.). The record from Skye is the first known for this island and Vice County (George, pers. comm.)

The Scottish Insect Record Index (SIRI) lists published records of the species for Aberdeen and Midlothian but its occurrence on islands appears to be extremely rare. Whether this is a true reflection of its distribution or is simply due to under-recording is at present uncertain.